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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERN 2084

FOR EUR/ CE SUTTERLIN; EUR/ P SAVAGE; H MACKENZIE; L MCDOWELL;
PASS JUSTICE PETERSEN; PASS TREASURY MORGAN; PASS SEC POLLACK

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, PFOR, US, SZ

SUBJ: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY: PRESS COVERAGE OF SIGNING

1. DECISION TO SCHEDULE SIGNING 9:30 A. M. MAY 25 RELATED TO
TIMING OF STOESEL VISIT BUT ALSO TO STRONG SWISS DESIRE TO
HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE, BEGINNING AT 10:45 A. M., TO GET MAXIMUM,
AND HOPEFULLY FAVORABLE, COVERAGE IN SWISS WEEKEND PRESS OF
SWISS GOVT DECISION TO SIGN TREATY.

2. BECAUSE OF KNOWN DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO TREATY, SWISS GOVT
FEELS IT NECESSARY TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF TREATY TEXT ALONG
WITH STATEMENT EXPLAINING MAIN POINTS OF TREATY AND HOW IT WILL
AFFECT SEVERAL AREAS OF KNOWN SWISS SENSITIVITY (BANKING SECRECY,
PRESENCE OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS ON SWISS TERRITORY, ETC.) TO PRESS
AT OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. AMB WEITNAUER, HEAD OF SWISS DELEGATION TO JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE
TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND SWISS SIGNER OF TREATY, WILL CHAIR PRESS
CONFERENCE WHICH HE FEELS MUST BE CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED TO
UNDERCUT OPPONENTS OF TREATY AND TO REASSURE DOUBTFUL OR
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SUSPICIOUS ELEMENTS IN SWISS SOCIETY THAT TREATY ACCORDS WITH,
AND IS NOT CONTRARY TO, SWISS NATIONAL INTERESTS.

4. EXCEPT FOR POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN PRESS REPS IN
SWITZERLAND, NO U. S. PARTICIPATION IN PRESS CONFERENCE ANTICIPATED.

5. JA TEAM ARRANGING FOR ROBERT COLE, ADVISOR TO TEAM, WHO
ARRIVING WASHINGTON THURSDAY MORNING, TO CARRY ENGLISH COPY OF
AGREED UPON TEXT TO EUR/ CE SUTTERLIN FOR TURN OVER TO EUR/ P
FOR REPRODUCTION AND USE, AS APPROPRIATE, BY STATE AND OTHER
INTERESTED AGENCIES.

6. FOR H : SINCE SWISS MAKING COPIES OF TREATY TEXT PUBLIC ON
MAY 25, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONTACT SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE AND ADVISE IT OF PLANNED SWISS ACTION (JUSTIFIABLE
ON BASIS OF OPPOSITION TO TREATY IN SWITZERLAND) AND PASS TO
IT COPIES OF TREATY AND PRESS MATERIAL, IF POSSIBLE, ON MAY 25.

7. SWISS HAVE INDICATED THEY PLAN BRIEF PRESS RELEASE TO TAKE
NOTE OF SIGNING CEREMONY AND THAT STATEMENT TO BE DISTRIBUTED
TO PRESS WITH COPIES OF TREATY WILL PROVIDE SUBSTANCE OF TRADIT-
IONAL PRESS RELEASE FOR SUCH OCCASION. TEXT OF PROPOSED U. S.
PRESS RELEASE AND PRESS BRIEFING MATERIAL WILL BE FORWARDED
WASHINGTON EVENING MAY 23 OR MORNING MAY 24 FOR APPROVAL.
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